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Visitors to the Trolley Museum in Colorado Springs can learn about restoration, visit the museum and get a ride on a trolley car.

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Vehicle Registration

The trailer by gate 1 has been removed. Vehicle registration will now be done in the guard shack at gate 1 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Post Weather hotline:
526-0096



Courtesy Photo

Riding high in the saddle ...

Sgt. Stephanie Young, Sgt. Walter Leverette, Spc. Joe Evans, Sgt. Miguel Najera, Spc. Lily Boaz, all members of the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard, ride through downtown Salt Lake City during a parade held Presidents Day weekend in conjunction with the Winter Olympics. The color guard participated in three days of the Olympics. The color guard's next event is a rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho. For more information about the color guard and upcoming events, call 526-4985.

Fiori visits Carson, checks out new housing

Sgt. Alicia Frost
Mountaineer editor

Dr. Mario P. Fiori, assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) visited Fort Carson Monday.

Fiori, who has been in his position for six months, has overall responsibility for the design, construction, operations, maintenance and management of Army installations; privatization of Army family housing, real estate and other infrastructure programs.

He also has responsibility over environment conservation, compliance, cleanup and site disposal programs and for management of the Army's safety and occupational health programs. He was on Fort Carson Monday to tour the new Fort Carson housing and the barracks, which are both part of his Residential Community Initiative.

The RCI program is

currently Fiori's main focus. His goal is to finish both housing and barracks improvements and to get stateside housing standards to excellent by 2007, and 2009 for housing at overseas installations.

He said it is important to make sure everyone has the same, high standard of living conditions. He wants the soldier to feel comfortable choosing Fort Carson or Fort Hood, because both posts will have the same excellent housing opportunities in the future.

"RCI is well on its way to being a success story," he said. Fort Carson, the first installation to have houses built under the initiative, is setting the example for the new housing, and will be at "excellent" standards by 2004, said Fiori. Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Meade,



Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith

Dr. Mario Fiori, center, assistant Secretary of the Army, visits with soldiers at the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment dining facility. Fiori visited Fort Carson Monday to tour the new housing and barracks.

Md., all have plans under way for new housing.

Another one of Fiori's goals is to improve working conditions for soldiers; he said an example of things he would like to

improve at Fort Carson are the motorpools. He said he would like to see new, up-to-date motorpools built to accommodate today's equipment.

Word of the Month

Teamwork — could you do without it?

by Sgt 1st Class Sandra D. Daniels
Equal Opportunity Advisor

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” — Source Unknown

The word of the month for March is “Teamwork.” Teams are groups of people who share a common purpose, and who depend on each other to accomplish that purpose.

Webster’s Dictionary defines teamwork as a “cooperative effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause.”

The first lesson new recruits learn in basic training is the importance of teamwork. They are given tasks that are nearly impossible to achieve without the assistance of at least one buddy. As they progress in their careers, and become leaders, they are constantly reminded of the significance of being a team player. Still, many of us take the true meaning of teamwork lightly. After all, technology tells us we can accomplish more with less and makes it easy to complete once difficult tasks by ourselves.

While discussing this topic with my father (a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam), I found the word teamwork to have a deeper meaning.

Having experienced military service from its segregated forces to “actual” integration, he took part in history’s true definition of teamwork. The Korean War erupted in June 1950, about the time that black soldiers were supposed to be integrated into training units. During the initial phases of the Korean War, the United States suffered an extremely high rate of casualties and found themselves in need of replacement troops.

Racial and ethnic differences were less important than battlefield survival. These soldiers worked and fought together. Even though many lives were lost, the ability of these troops to work together as a team is what led to a successful outcome for the United States and allies. This led to the adoption of the first large-scale integration effort in a major Army command. When group members go their own way, self-preservation becomes the most important factor and the team will eventually dissolve. In the presence of teamwork, nearly anything can be accomplished.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” — Helen Keller

Seven Essential Skills for Teamwork

This list can be used to observe how well a team is working together

1. Listening:

The students in this team listen to each other’s ideas. You will observe the students “piggy-backing” (or building) off each other’s ideas.

2. Questioning:

The students in this team question each other. You will observe the students interacting, discussing, and posing questions to all members of the team.

3. Persuading:

The students in this team use persuasion. You will observe the students exchanging, defending, and rethinking ideas.

4. Respecting:

The students in this team respect the opinions of others. You will observe the students encouraging and supporting the ideas and efforts of others.

5. Helping:

The students in this team help each other. You will observe the students offering assistance to each other.

6. Sharing:

The students in this team share. You will observe the students offering ideas and reporting their findings to each other.

7. Participating:

The students in this team participate. You will observe each student contributing to the project.



Sound off!

How are you a team player?



“I help out my squadron whenever they’re working and I stay late if I have to.”
Sgt. Eric Kloppe
3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR



“I help out where it’s needed to get the job done.”
Spc. David Adams
HHC, 3rd Brigade
Combat Team



“With anything we do, I give a sincere effort to accomplish the mission.”
Spc. Gina Schwederske
64th Forward Support
Battalion



“By making sure I’m not the first one to leave.”
Spc. Danny Garcia
3rd Battalio,
29th Field Artillery



“I work through lunch quite a bit.”
Staff Sgt. Charles Busby
1st Battery, 44th Air
Defense Artillery



“I always do part of the mission.”
Pvt. Paxine Buck
HHC, 3rd Brigade
Combat Team

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News

Army contracts former soldiers for recruiting

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Military veterans will be suiting up in civilian attire to recruit for the Army beginning this spring.

This month the Army awarded two civilian companies contracts totaling \$172.4 million to hire and manage recruiters for 10 different areas across the nation. The civilians will recruit for the active Army and reserve components in Jackson, Miss.; Oklahoma City; Dayton, Ohio; the Delmarva Peninsula or Eastern Shore of Delaware; Tacoma, Wash.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Wilmington, N.C.; Salt Lake City; Granite City and Homewood, Ill.

Neither the companies nor the recruiters they're hiring are strangers to the military. Both companies — Military Professional Resources Inc. and Resource Consultants Inc. — are in Virginia and have been recruiting for the Army reserve components since 1999. They are currently looking to hire recruiters who have honorably served in the Army.

Former soldiers who were recruiters by military occupational specialty are the most sought after in the hiring process, said Don Tarter, recruiting operations vice president for MPRI. Next are veterans who spent three years as detailed recruiters or recruited for any of the other military branches. Finally, he said all individuals who have served in the Army and who are sharp, smart and energetic would be considered.

Besides the initial training, which will include

enlistment eligibility, current enlistment incentives and U.S. Army Recruiting Command policies and procedures, recruiters will have sustainment training to meet the needs of the individual recruiter, said Cardell Hunter, recruiting operations vice president for RCI. They will also receive annual refresher training to stay abreast of Army and USAREC policies, he added.

The contract recruiters, which will be referred to as community-based recruiters by RCI because of their planned visibility in the community, will occupy the remaining stations by the end of October. The test will run through Sept. 30, 2007.

The biggest challenge for recruiters will be to convince skeptics that civilians can successfully recruit for the Army, Hunter said. His company's past success should prove that it can be done, he said.

"We have demonstrated excellence in a number of Army programs," Hunter said. "In 1990 the Army awarded us a \$168 million Army Career and Alumni Program contract. We also have provided transitional counseling to 1.1 million soldiers. We have recruited more than 20,000 young men and women into the Army Reserve or National Guard.

Our help desk, which provides counseling to soldiers who are leaving one state Guard unit to go to another, has reduced the attrition rate of Guard soldiers from 16 percent to under 2 percent."

MPRI also claims success in its recruiting efforts for the Army Reserve and National Guard. Since 1999, MPRI has peaked at 85 recruiters augmenting efforts at

the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Tarter said. And the company retains about 60 guidance counselors, who are responsible for qualifying the recruits, he added.

Past success got both companies in the door, but they know that the non-believers will watch their recruiters closely.

"Initially we will lose the advantage of the advertisement that the uniform gives, but once initial contact has been made with our recruiters, the Army experience and sincerity will show through to the prospects," Tarter said. "Then the differences between our recruiters and the traditional recruiters fade.

"We will be responsible for the same quotas and we will recruit the same qualified people," he said. "Our recruiters will be afforded the opportunity to make sales presentations at high schools, colleges and stay deeply involved in the community," Hunter said.

"They will know the educators, moms, dads, clergymen and other centers of influence in the community. When the town's sons and daughters go off to basic, our recruiters will still be there when they get back to help facilitate their transition back into the community."

Meeting recruiting quotas and being successful as civilian recruiters are inherent, Hunter said, because failure is not an option.

"The Army realizes that there are a number of jobs that can be outsourced to civilians, and done successfully," Tarter said. "It doesn't have to take well-trained NCOs out of their primary military occupational specialty for detailed tasks."

Detection may become more difficult

Iraqi WMD threat unchecked

by Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — U.N. Security Council weapons inspectors would face a tough job if they return to Saddam Hussein's Iraq, according to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

It's enormously important to know what Hussein's doing, Rumsfeld said Sunday on CBS Face the Nation, but U.N. inspectors will have a harder time than ever detecting evidence of the Iraqis' weapons of mass destruction program.

After the Gulf War in 1991, U.N.-mandated sanctions called for Iraq to surrender its weapons of mass destruction and to submit to U.N. inspections. Much has changed in the intervening years, Rumsfeld said.

The Iraqis refused to cooperate fully with the inspectors and since 1998 haven't allowed inspectors into the country. Rumsfeld said Iraqi officials have advanced their weapons of mass destruction program and they've had more time to go underground. They've acquired dual-use technologies and developed greater degrees of mobility, he said.

Rumsfeld noted President George W. Bush recently called Iraq one of three nations forming an "axis of evil" that threatens U.S. interests. The other two are Iran and North Korea. The secretary said Bush focused world opinion on how those countries treat their people and their neighbors and the dangers they pose as a source of weapons of mass destruction.

"I think it was a very useful thing to do," Rumsfeld remarked.

In the wake of last year's Sept. 11 ter-

rorist attacks, U.S. administration officials called for the United Nations to reinstitute inspections. Rumsfeld said that under the best of circumstances, U.N. inspectors would have a tough time in Iraq, where the repressive ruling regime has had years to "hide things, deny things and create mobility where they can actually keep things moving ahead of any inspectors."

"They are very accomplished liars as to what's going on," the secretary said. "You could put inspectors all over that place and it would be very difficult to find anything."

In the past, U.N. inspectors were successful in part because defectors told them what to look for, "not because they actually found something," he noted. "I'm saying today, the situation is vastly more difficult."

Many more inspectors would be needed and their regime would have to be much more intrusive than before, Rumsfeld said.

The Iraqis could not control when inspectors could arrive, where they could go and what they could do, he said, "and the Iraqis aren't going to agree to something like that."

It remains to be seen what U.N. officials ultimately decide and what the Iraqis agree to, he said.

"We have to be very honest with ourselves about what we could accomplish," the secretary said. "I just am saying in all directness, is that we have to go into this with our eyes wide open. It would take a very intrusive regime for us to have any confidence that it would work."



Courtesy Photo

WCAP bring home bronze ...

The Army's bobsled team slides to a stop as bronze medal winners at the Winter Olympics. Specialists Mike Kohn, Doug Sharp and Dan Steele were the pushers of the USA 2 bobsled and Brian Shimer was the driver.

USA 1, which also had World Class Athlete Program team-members, took home the silver.

Military

Fort Carson Ed Center offers Troops to Teachers program

by Sgt. Melissa R. Bernazzani
14th Public Affairs Detachment

Fort Carson soldiers who are interested in becoming teachers may have a chance to fulfill their dream by participating in the Troops to Teachers program during fiscal year 2002.

For this fiscal year, the Department of Defense and the Education Department have increased the federal budget to \$18 million for the TTT program.

The goal of TTT is to improve American education by providing mature, experienced and dedicated personnel for the nation's classrooms, according to the Department of Defense/Department of Education, Troops to Teachers program overview.

The program assists selected individuals in attempting a new career as a teacher for kindergarten through 12th grade public education in the United States.

Troops to Teachers provides a database of participants to school districts in need of teachers. Also, 24 states have TTT representation, which specifically

assists participants.

The overview states the three main objectives of TTT: help relieve teacher shortages, provide positive role models for the nation's public school students and transition personnel successfully into teaching as a second career.

"Men and women of the United States military, you answered the call to serve your country in the finest armed services in the world," said first lady Laura Bush, during a speech May 8, 2001, about the TTT program and to commemorate National Teachers Day.

"So, as you prepare to leave the military, we ask you to turn your attention to the homefront, to Uncle Sam's classrooms, where we need your service as teachers," said Bush, a former elementary school teacher.

Troops to Teachers is a program designed to provide financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to help pay for the cost of teacher certification. Also, the program may offer a bonus of \$10,000 to teach in a school.

According to the DOD website, soldiers interested in elementary or secondary teaching must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college. Soldiers interested in subjects such as electronics, automotive repair, construction trades, etc., are required to have one year of college and six years of related experience.

Bob Leonard, a counselor with TTT, supports the program and advises many Fort Carson soldiers looking into teaching as another career after the military.

"On average, I will see five soldiers (looking into

"We ask you to turn your attention to the homefront, to Uncle Sam's classrooms, where we need your service as teachers."

Laura Bush
First lady

the TTT program) week at the Education Center on Fort Carson," he said.

Leonard noted that he not only counsels military personnel about becoming teachers, but also helps interested spouses with their teaching goals.

Military and Coast Guard personnel, veterans and Reserve component personnel who have been separated no earlier than Oct. 1, 1990, may also be qualified for the program.

Military personnel interested in TTT should apply within two years of separation or retirement from their branch.

"You're tremendous role models with a sense of duty, honor and country that our children would do well to emulate," said Bush.

Antione Johnson, a retired staff sergeant from Fort Carson, took advantage of the TTT program.

"We (former soldiers) bring a lot of life-learned experiences into the classroom," said Johnson, who now teaches social studies and English at the Emily Griffith Center, a local alternative high school.

Johnson said that military personnel "serve to defend the constitution, that's the ultimate sacrifice, and (they'll) be settling for less if (they) did not consider Troops to Teachers as a second career."

According to the TTT status report, 19,895 applications for the program have been received and 4,268 participants have been hired. Currently 3,000 people have applied within the last year, said Leonard.

For more information, contact TTT Mountain West Region office at 262-4107.



photo by Spc. Steven Kinney, Army

First lady Laura Bush speaks about the Troops to Teachers program at Pinckney Elementary School at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Military Briefs

Programs, Classes & Workshops

Records Management will conduct the following Modern Army Recordkeeping System classes — Personnel wishing to attend must submit a memorandum with full name, rank, organization and point of contact with telephone number to the Directorate of Information Management, Management Services Branch, by the suspense dates. All classes will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24, DOIM, classroom A, supsponse: April 12; May 8, ACS, Aspen classroom, suspense: May 3. For information, call Duane Gregorich at 526-2107 or e-mail duane.gregorich@carson.army.mil.

eArmyU briefings will be conducted at the Mountain Post Education Center, building 1117, room 202A, Tuesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Soldiers interested in participating in eArmyU must attend a briefing before being considered for enrollment. eArmyU is the Army's educational initiative designed to offer eligible enlisted soldiers the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate anytime, anywhere. Soldiers are offered access to some of the nation's finest accredited colleges, universities and technical schools. Eligible soldiers receive 100 percent funding for tuition, books and course fees, plus a technology package, which includes a laptop computer, printer, internet service provider account, e-mail account and technology support. For information call, Virginia Frazier, 526-5544; Ursula Miller, 526-4104; or Bill Unger, 526-4125.

Effective immediately, soldiers who are scheduled to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection training will not have orders deleted, deferred or be otherwise prevented from attending the scheduled training. Any requests for exception to this requirement must be endorsed by the first general officer in the soldier's chain of command. Soldiers who volunteer for SFAS prior to receipt of assignment notification will be deferred to allow for SFAS attendance. Assignment of SFAS graduates to the Special Forces Qualification Course will take precedence over any assignment conflict. For information, call (703) 325-2450.

The Modern Army Recordkeeping System, all file areas are to submit a List of File Numbers for approval by April 4. This requirement only applies to offices and units who have not provided an LFN for its office or unit within the last 12 months. Submit the LFN on Forces Command Form 350-R, List of File Numbers, to the Directorate of Information Management, Management Services Branch, e-mail duane.gregorich@carson.army.mil, or fax to 524-0682. For information or questions, call Duane Gregorich, 526-2107.

Claims against the estate of...

With deepest regrets to the family of Master Sgt. Elaine Burno, Medical Department Activity, deceased, anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the Burno estate, should contact Capt. Kimberly M. Anderson, at 526-3077 or 526- 7152.

The American Red Cross is there in times of need. In an emergency, call (877) 272-7337 for assistance in reaching family members. Be prepared to provide the servicemember's full name, social security number, branch of service, rank and military unit. For other services and questions, call the local Red Cross chapter at 526-2311.

Soldiers are reminded to come to the Community Housing Referral and Relocation Services Office, building 7301, to update waiting list information every six months. If you are on the wait-

ing list and haven't updated your information in the last 60 days, do so right away. It is important that housing has good contact information in order to offer you on-post housing. For information, call 526-2322.

The Army is looking for soldiers to serve on attache duty. The U.S. Army Attache Management Division is seeking active duty enlisted soldiers in the grades of E-4(P) to E-8 to serve in the Defense Attache System as operations noncommissioned officers. Operations NCOs serve as soldier-diplomats at Defense Attache Offices located in U.S. embassies in more than 100 countries worldwide. NCOs considering an attache assignment must be on active duty, qualify for a top secret security clearance, have a GT score of 115 or higher, a CL score of 120 or higher, type 40 words a minute and possess at least some computer skills. Soldiers must also score 100 or higher on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery. All family members must be U.S. citizens and meet medical standards for the country of assignment. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Williams at (301) 677-2134 Ext. 2633, DSN 622-2134, Ext. 2633, or via e-mail at jeff.williams@us.army.mil.

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With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. Gregory Wycoff, deceased, anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Derrick Varner, 526-6499.

The Criminal Investigation Division is recruiting for new special agents. Hard-working soldiers interested in conducting felony-level criminal investigations and able to meet the prerequisites should apply. Some of the prerequisites are:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be of suitable character and able to obtain a top secret clearance
- No record of mental or emotional disorders
- No history of unsatisfactory credit
- No convictions by civilian or military courts
- Minimum age of 21 years
- Minimum of two years military service
- Minimum GT score of 110
- Minimum of 60 semester hours of college
- At least six months of military police or one year civilian police experience. (If all other prerequisites are met and if a soldier's unit commander is willing, soldiers can achieve the police experience prerequisites by completing a six-month internship with CID as an attached soldier.)

Soldiers interested in applying should e-mail Special Agent David Schumann at David.Schumann@carson.army.mil for information and instructions on the application procedures.

Hours of Operation

The 3rd Cavalry Museum will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday until further notice. The museum will be closed Mondays and federal holidays, except Memorial and Veterans Days. Group tours and individual visits from civilians without a valid government identification card can be arranged per PAO by contacting the museum at 526-1404 or 526-2028 24 hours in advance of the planned visit. The museum staff apologizes for any inconveniences the schedule may create.

The Government Purchase Credit Card team will be closed for business Thursdays to create an atmosphere to better serve billing officials and cardholders; the office will be available only for emergencies on Thursdays. For information, call Ernestine Mosley at 526-4452.

For official travel services, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, in building 1012 on Long Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on training holidays.

Travelers are reminded to bring three copies of travel orders when picking up tickets for official travel. Soldiers and family members must have one original and one copy of their "travelopes" and three copies of each order, to include amendments, for overseas permanent changes of station. If you cannot pick up your tickets in person, you can fax a copy of orders to 526-1142 or 576-5262 for issuance of an E-ticket.

Please call 576-5188 to confirm receipt of faxed orders. Tickets will not be issued without orders. If you do not use your ticket, you must bring it and two

Billets off-limits to visitors

Due to the current situation, there are to be no visitors — civilians or family members — in the billets until further notice from the commanding general, according to Command Sgt. Maj. George Ponder, Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division command sergeant major.

copies of your orders. If you were issued an E-ticket and did not travel, you still must bring in two copies of orders to process a refund for the unused ticket.

Central Issue Facility hours of operation are:
Regular business hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. *Initial Issue/Partial Issue/DX:* Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. *Partial Turn-Ins:* Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. *All Full Turn-Ins* require an appointment. Please call 524-2006 or 526-2729 to schedule an appointment. For questions, call Stacey Sly at 526-5512.

Briefings

The commanding general's Newcomers' Briefing is the third Wednesday of each month. The briefing is conducted at McMahon Theater from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

Green to Gold Briefing: Army ROTC conducts a Green to Gold briefing Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 126 of the Education Center. If eligible, you may get the chance to earn a bachelor's degree and become a second lieutenant. If you have questions, contact Capt. Adam Sell at 262-3236. No appointment is necessary to attend these briefings.

Special Forces briefings are held Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at Grant Library. You can apply for SF training as an E-3, but cannot begin training until you are an E-4. For information, call 524-1461 or 524-1462.

A "Troops to Teacher" adviser is available at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, room 321, Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Troops to Teachers was created in 1994 to help departing servicemembers obtain a second career in teaching during the downsizing. The program has placed more than 4,000 retirees in teaching positions since that time. Call Virginia Frazier at 526-5544 for information about the program.

Editor's note: The deadline for submitting "Briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

Sports & Leisure

Volksmarch —The Falcon Wanders Volksmarch Club of Colorado Springs will be sponsoring a 5 km and 10 km volksmarch March 16. The start and finish point is the Modern Woodmen of America building, 2924 N. Beacon Street, Colorado Springs. Participants may start any time between 8 a.m. and noon. The event is free and open to the public. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and leashed pets only are allowed on the walk. Strollers can complete the course with difficulty. For information, call Annette Kester, 392-1834.

Fort Carson Adult Hockey Team is looking for players of intermediate level and above. The team plays in a highly competitive "no check" recreational league in Colorado Springs Sunday nights and is open to all military and civilians on Fort Carson. For information, call 524-1461 or 510-6353.

The following events are scheduled at the Peterson Air Force Base fitness center:

Tae Kwon Do is scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 7 to 13 and from 7 to 8 p.m. for 14 year olds and up.

Personal trainers are available. For information, call 556-4462.

Questions about any of the above programs can be directed to the Special Programs staff at 556-1515.



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

BOSS Executive Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center, building 1829. The post BOSS meeting, for BOSS representatives, meets the second Thursday of each month at Christopher's from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 524-BOSS.

New incentives set for soldiers on unaccompanied tours

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Two programs have been revised to help stabilize soldiers returning from Korea and other family member-restricted tours.

The Deployment Stabilization policy, along with the Homebase and Advanced Assignment Program — known as HAAP — have been expanded, the Army G1 recently announced.

After completing a tour in Korea or other family member-restricted areas, soldiers will now be stabilized from operational deployments for six months at their new duty station. Before the most recent revision, the Deployment Stabilization policy only affected soldiers who had participated in “Operations other than War” deployments for a period of at least 30 consecutive days.

Personnel officials said the stabilization program — which applies to both officer and enlisted personnel — was expanded to allow soldiers time to reacquaint themselves with families and provide time to readjust to home station. It also rewards soldiers for arduous periods of duty in which they were separated from family members, officials said.

The Homebase and Advanced Assignment Program is expanding to specialists and corporals who have re-enlisted at least once, beginning March

1. HAAP participants can return to their current duty station after completing a family member-restricted tour or get orders to their follow-on station before leaving the country.

HAAP was established in the 1970s for officers and noncommissioned officers to reduce permanent-change-of-station costs and increase stability for soldiers and their families, according to Kenneth Emerson, chief of the specialized support team for Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

There are two options for soldiers under HAAP: either homebase assignments or advanced assignments.

Under the homebase assignment option, soldiers can leave their family members at their current installation and then return for another tour after completing a dependent-restricted tour. Families residing on post will be able to remain in housing.

Homebase is the option used most, said Lt. Col. Noble Lugo, a finance action officer with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Soldiers who receive a homebase assignment must sign a statement indicating that they understand the intent of the program and know that they are expected not to use their dependent PCS entitlements unless the assignment is cancelled, according to AR-

614-200 Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management.

The second part of HAAP is advance assignment. Along with their assignment notification to a family member restricted tour, soldiers will also receive the location of their follow-on assignment before leaving the country, Emerson said.

Now through the Assignment Satisfaction Key, an Internet tool, soldiers will have the capability to post assignment preference information directly onto the Total Army Personnel Database. Soldiers will need to use their Army Knowledge Online account password to gain access to the information. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has directed that all soldiers get an AKO account.

The decision to extend HAAP to eligible specialists and corporals came after senior leadership in Korea requested that all soldiers be included in HAAP, Emerson said.

PERSCOM's goal is to match HAAPs with soldiers' assignment preferences, officials said, but added there will be cases where the soldiers' preferences cannot be met because of Army Manning the Force priorities. The expanding of HAAP to selected specialists and corporals will not apply to soldiers currently in Korea or placed on assignment instructions prior to March 1, officials explained.

Dining Schedule

Weekday Dining Facilities

A La Carte Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mountain Inn (building 1040)
3rd BCT Iron Bde (building 2061)
3d ACR CAV House (building 2461)
3rd ACR Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)

Standard Facilities

10th Special Forces Group (A) (building 7481)

Weekday Meal Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.	Thur.
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

Week of March 2 to March 8

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield Dining Facility serves breakfast and lunch meals only.
- Cheyenne Mountain Inn breakfast hours are 7 to 9 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- 10th SFG (A) meal hours are the same Monday through Friday. It serves no dinner meal on Fridays.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Brunch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Supper 3 to 5 p.m.

Family members are cordially invited to dine at Fort Carson dining facilities.

Greenback

Finance answers questions about pay raise, GI Bill

**by Capt. Brian Ketz
4th Finance Battalion**

We have received many calls with questions and inquiries concerning the 2002 military pay and allowances and we wanted to provide you with information to dispel the rumors. Effective Jan. 1, military pay and allowances are based on the Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act.

The pay raise contained in the FY02 NDAA provided the largest pay raise (7 to 10 percent) for mid-level and senior noncommissioned officers and warrant officers to improve pay based on their education and experience level, there are 6 to 6.78 percent raises for junior enlisted members and 6 to 6.5 percent raises for captains and majors to help with retention concerns, and everyone else will get a 5 percent raise.

Employee/Member Self Service Travel Voucher View

Soldiers/employees can now go into Employee/Member Self Service Travel Voucher View

to view/print a copy of their Advice of Payment for any travel voucher that was paid through the Centralized Disbursing Office in Indianapolis, since Oct. 2, 2001. Once the soldier/employee logs into E/MSS, they can select Travel Voucher View, and enter either the Travel Order Number or a specific date to search for the AOP. The system will display the voucher number and the amount of payment. For more detailed information they can click on the voucher number to display the entire AOP. Future enhancements in E/MSS for Military members include:

- State Tax and Savings Bonds — July 2002
- Allotments - October 2002
- W2/W2C - January 2003

GI Bill Benefits Increased

As of Jan.1, Montgomery GI Bill benefits for active duty service members, as well as Reserves and National Guard members have increased. Active duty personnel can now receive up to \$800 a month for 36 months of full-time training, up from the previous

limit of \$650 per month. Reservists and National Guard members can now receive up to \$272 a month for education payments.

Travel Allowances to Specialty Care over 100 miles

Effective Jan.1, Tricare prime enrollee maybe entitled to travel allowances for specialty care more than 100 miles from their Primary Care Manager office. When an enrollee is referred by a primary care manager for medically necessary non-emergency specialty care more than 100 miles from the PCM's office, the patient shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. The PCM determines is the specialty care is more than 100 miles from PCM. That distance is not the distance for which transportation expenses are reimbursed. Transportation expenses are reimbursed for the official distance from the patient's residence city to the specialty care provider's city. This also applies to subsequent specialty referrals authorized by the PCM or health care finder.

Military

MONTHLY BASIC PAY TABLE

EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2002

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE												FY2002 Graduated Pay Raise Increase			
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS																
O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11601.90	11659.20	11901.30	12324.00	
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10147.50	10293.60	10504.80	10873.80	
O-8	7180.20	7415.40	7571.10	7614.90	7809.30	8135.10	8210.70	8519.70	8608.50	8874.30	9259.50	9614.70	9852.00	9852.00	9852.00	
O-7	5966.40	6371.70	6371.70	6418.20	6657.90	6840.30	7051.20	7261.80	7472.70	8135.10	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8738.70	
O-6	4422.00	4857.90	5176.80	5176.80	5196.60	5418.90	5448.60	5448.60	5628.60	6305.70	6627.00	6948.30	7131.00	7316.10	7675.20	
O-5	3537.00	4152.60	4440.30	4494.30	4673.10	4673.10	4813.50	5073.30	5413.50	5755.80	5919.00	6079.80	6262.80	6262.80	6262.80	
O-4	3023.70	3681.90	3927.60	3982.50	4210.50	4395.90	4696.20	4930.20	5092.50	5255.70	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	
O-3	2796.60	3170.40	3421.80	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	
O-2	2416.20	2751.90	3169.50	3276.30	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	
O-1	2097.60	2183.10	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER																
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4617.00	4717.50	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3276.30	3344.10	3450.30	3630.00	3768.90	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2638.50	2818.20	2922.30	3028.50	3133.20	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	
WARRANT OFFICERS																
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4965.60	5136.00	5307.00	5478.60	
W-4	2889.60	3108.60	3198.00	3285.90	3437.10	3586.50	3737.70	3885.30	4038.00	4184.40	4334.40	4480.80	4632.60	4782.00	4935.30	
W-3	2638.80	2862.00	2862.00	2898.90	3017.40	3152.40	3330.90	3439.50	3558.30	3693.90	3828.60	3963.60	4098.30	4233.30	4368.90	
W-2	2321.40	2454.00	2569.80	2654.10	2726.40	2875.20	2984.40	3093.90	3200.40	3318.00	3438.90	3559.80	3680.10	3801.30	3801.30	
W-1	2049.90	2217.60	2330.10	2402.70	2511.90	2624.70	2737.80	2850.00	2963.70	3077.10	3189.90	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10	
ENLISTED MEMBERS																
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3423.90	3501.30	3599.40	3714.60	3830.40	3944.10	4098.30	4251.30	4467.00	
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2858.10	2940.60	3017.70	3110.10	3210.30	3314.70	3420.30	3573.00	3724.80	3937.80	
E-7	1986.90	2169.00	2251.50	2332.50	2417.40	2562.90	2645.10	2726.40	2808.00	2892.60	2975.10	3057.30	3200.40	3292.80	3526.80	
E-6	1701.00	1870.80	1953.60	2033.70	2117.40	2254.50	2337.30	2417.40	2499.30	2558.10	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	
E-5	1561.50	1665.30	1745.70	1828.50	1912.80	2030.10	2110.20	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	
E-4	1443.60	1517.70	1599.60	1680.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	
E-3	1303.50	1385.40	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	1468.50	
E-2	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	1239.30	
E-1 >4	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	1105.50	
E-1 <4	1022.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Community

Women's History Month

Linda Riding — patriotic nurse set on taking care of the American soldier

by **Spc. Stacy Harris**
Mountaineer staff

As a civilian employee and preventive medicine nurse on Fort Carson, Linda K. Riding, Community Health Nursing, Preventive Medicine, said she is committed to the American soldier.

"That's what it's all about," she said. "Taking care of soldiers and their families."

While traveling the world with her former active duty husband of 33 years and raising four children, she devoted herself to young military families. During her internship, she helped these families with resources, parenting, labor and delivery, and instituted an Expectant Father Class and a Big Brother/Sister Sibling Class, according to a Good Neighbor nomination form submitted by Maj. Marie H. Price, Community Health Services. She also volunteered her time in Korea to mentor General Educational Development soldiers to pass history classes and donated time to the Department of Defense Schools to help with school nursing and health education.

Riding said she believes it is important to support the military soldier.

"They (soldiers and their families) are far from home and really need that outreach support," she said.

Because Riding and her husband raised their children in the military, family was important to them, and she said she understands how important it is to the working soldier to have a healthy and happy family.

"Our (family) commitment has always been to keep the family together," she said. Because of that commitment, Riding said she has a really close relationship with her children.

"I've learned a lot from my children and they have sacrificed a lot

(being a part of a military family)," she said. "When we got ready to move (to another duty station), they (the children) had to part ways with friends" which helped the Riding family bond together.

Riding has been at Fort Carson for the past two years, with her main focus on Preventive Medicine. Since Riding has had experience with many other types of nursing, such as labor and delivery, she also makes presentations to the Pregnancy Physical Training soldiers.

While she is a nurse of many avenues — she said that after a tour in Germany, with the start of the AIDS scare, her commitment became to teach prevention. She said she saw one of the first AIDS patients, and afterward, she didn't want to have to tell another 18- or 19-year-old soldier he or she had AIDS.

While in Germany, Riding helped formulate the first AIDS screenings and briefings with Preventive Medicine.

Because prevention is education, Riding said she educates soldiers on the dangers out there, such as AIDS and tobacco.

"If you just tell one person (about the dangers of unprotected sex and tobacco use) and it changes something in them, who knows how many generations you've spared."

Riding received her bachelor's of nursing from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

According to Price, Riding is an active member of the El Paso County Tobacco Education/Prevention Program and supplements a new Tobacco Use Cessation Program as a champion for the Department of Defense and Veteran's Administration. She also



Photo by Spc. Stacy Harris

Linda Riding, right, Community Health Nursing, Preventive Medicine, and Sheila Thomas, health technician, Mountain Post Wellness Center, gave a presentation Nov. 8 to Beacon Elementary School kindergartners on the dangers of smoking.

recently became a certified National Child Car Seat technician and donates time to the community as a coalition board member of SAFE KIDS of Colorado Springs, helping to supply child car seats, resources for young families and safe environments for children of military families. As a member of the Community Partnership for Child Development Service of Colorado Springs, she brings back from Fort Carson updated child health information.

In 1991, she was selected for the Patriotic Award for Outstanding Volunteer Efforts with Family Support

at Fort Ord, Calif. Riding has also donated time as a Red Cross instructor for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, AIDS, parenting and child birth and has credentialed instructors overseas. She also helped create a presentation that helps nurses and doctors cope with patients dealing with grief.

In addition, she also donates handmade quilts to the needy and a quilt to the AIDS Project every year.

While today Riding works in Preventive Medicine at Fort Carson, she said she hopes to one day go back to her first love — working with new mothers.

Mounted color guard goes to Olympics

by **Spc. Scott Faddis**

128th Military Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard visited Utah Feb. 16 to strut their stuff during the Winter Games.

The members of the mounted color guard wear traditional cavalry uniforms, which consist of a 10-gallon hat, neckerchief, blue cotton dress blouse, blue pants and riding gloves. The unit also uses 19th century equipment such as weapons, saddles and sleeping mats during presentations.

Being a member of the mounted color guard is a lot of work and some play.

"We work on a 1,200-acre horse ranch, working with 45 different horses. We repair fences and do other jobs around the ranch," said Staff Sgt. Tony Gerrell.

The mounted color guard is a busy unit. "We will go from 150 to 200 different events a year," said Gerrell.

The color guard works parades, rodeos and special events like the 2002 Winter Games. "We use dif-

ferent horses for different missions. We use both parade and rodeo horses," said Gerrell.

The team brought five horses to the Olympics: Drifter, Houdini, Blitz, Billy and Possum.

Becoming a member of the mounted color guard is no easy task. Each soldier is required to pass two riding tests, one with feet in the stirrups and one with feet out of the stirrups. Of the many who try out each year, nearly 97 percent fail to attain membership.

"Everyone (on the team) was raised around horses and has been riding all of (his or her) life," said Gerrell.

"I have been riding horses since I was 12. I have always loved horses," said Spc. Lily Boaz, a California native and a member of the mounted color guard.

Sgt. Stan Leverette, Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard, talks to visitors to the Olympic Village during the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.



Photo by Spc. Scott Faddis

Ouch, that hurts ...

Spc. Michael Stover, 3rd Battery, 3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment, grimaces from a needle as he donates blood in the Post Physical Fitness Center Feb. 20. More than 80 people donated a pint of blood during the Bonfils blood drive. Every pint of blood donated can help up to three people. An average person can donate a pint of blood every eight weeks.



Photo by Spc. Roy Gomez

Community Events

Family Readiness Center

The Financial Readiness Debt Management Program is available to help active duty, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians with debt problems. For information, call 526-0449.

The Fort Carson Playgroup, which meets 10 a.m. to noon Fridays, is open to all military families. The group meets at Family University, building 1161. For information, call 526-4590.

Puppet Troupe volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for the Family Advocacy Program Puppet Troupe. This puppet troupe performs at local elementary schools to teach children how to keep themselves safe from abduction and abuse. No training or expertise are required. Complete training is provided and child care is available. For information, call 526-4590.

Boot Camp for New Dads — Brown bag meeting with free pizza takes place every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Family University, building 1161. *Module I*, Becoming a Dad; *Module II*, Caring for Baby; *Module III*, Hands-on Training; *Module IV*, Caring for Mom and graduation. For information, call 526-4590.

Fort Carson

The next Pikes Peak Silver Chapter and Warrant Officer Lunch will be Thursday at the 43rd Area Support Group Dining Facility. For information, call Chief Warrant Officer Robert Reardon, 526-5991.

Destination Germany — Are you getting ready to change duty stations? Don't miss the opportunity to attend the Army Community Services new class, Destination Germany, to learn about the culture, various German traditions and unusual laws. This class will help you prepare for the long flight and meet other spouses and soldiers preparing for the same move. Guest speakers will also be available. Destination Germany meets the fourth Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. If interested in attending Destination Germany or for other programs offered by ACS, call 526-4590 to register.

The next Records Management class will be March 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., building 1550, Classroom A, for all units and activities. This course will include instructions on Privacy and Freedom of Information Acts, the Mordern Army Recordkeeping System, Army Correspondence and Forms Management. Military and Department of Army personnel wishing to attend must submit a memorandum with name, rank, organization and point of contact to the Directorate of Information Management, Management Services Branch by March 15. For information contact Duane Gregorich, 526-2107 or e-mail duane.gregorich@carson.army.mil.

The Preventive Medicine Careline has moved out of the hospital — The careline is now located on the "belt" in building 2059.

Fort Carson is collecting old telephone directories for recycling. There is a dropoff point at the Recycle Center, building T-155, located at the corner of Wickersham Boulevard and Chiles Avenue, as well as at the post exchange. For questions, call Nick Pallotto, 526-5898, or Burla Martin, 526-0973.

Auction — The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Charitable Association, in conjunction with Directorate of Community Activities, will host an auction today, 6:30 p.m., at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Entrance fees are \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. Items up for auction include: Vladimir Art's print "United We Stand," theme baskets, crafts, Stiver's prints and much more. For information or to donate, call Angela Oakley at 392-0614, Molly Krane at 391-2593 or Susan Green at 226-

7964.

DeVry Institute of Technology will have a representative available at the Education Center Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Those interested are encouraged to visit the office to learn more about DeVry's career-focused educational approach and degree offerings in business and technology. DeVry's programs are offered locally or online. For information about DeVry, visit www.cs.devry.edu, or call Staci Busby at (303) 269-0343, ext. 230.

The 651st Area Support Group and Family Readiness invites all soldiers and civilians to the Joint Services Dining Out and Ball Saturday at the Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec St., Denver. Rooms cost \$69 plus tax per night. Call (303) 321-6666 for reservations. The reception will start at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Military personnel should wear Mess Dress, Dress Blues or Class A's with a white shirt and bow tie. Civilians should wear appropriate dress attire. Cost is: E-1 to E-5 and guests: \$20 each; E-6 to E-8 and guests and civilians and guests: \$25 each; E-9, W-1/2, O1/2 and guests: \$30 each; W-3 to W-5, O3 and above and guests: \$35 each. For information, call B-Ann Clark, (303) 232-3140.

SHARE Colorado — Looking for a way to stretch your food dollars? Self-Help and Resource Exchange is dedicated to promoting volunteerism by providing quality food packages at a reduced price. Food packages are \$20 plus two hours of volunteer time, and a junior package is \$10. Registration on Fort Carson is at the beginning of each month at the Friendship House, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call Army Community Service, 526-4590 or Kellie, 538-9937.

Fort Carson invites the public to learn about environmental restoration projects on post at

Relocation Readiness offers more than just moving tips

The Relocation Readiness Program offers a variety of cultural mediation services to assist multicultural family members in dealing with problems that arise during the immigration and cultural adaptation processes. Their goal is to help family members feel more comfortable and self-sufficient in their new environment. These services are provided free to all members of the Mountain Post Team.

Immigration and Naturalization Services Assistance works closely with the INS in Denver to provide up-to-date information on INS policies and procedures. Most INS forms are stocked. Soldiers and family members with complex questions are scheduled to meet with an INS agent who visits the post on a quarterly basis. This free service is available through Army Community Services for family member INS issues only. 4th Personnel Services Battalion helps soldiers with paperwork (526-1906). To schedule an appointment, call 526-4590.

English as a Second Language classes are held at ACS every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free child care is provided with advance reservations. Four levels of instruction are provided. To register for these classes, call 526-4590.

International Support Groups. Do you miss speaking in your native tongue or are you feeling a little homesick? Join the German or Korean Support Groups. The German Support Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Family Connection, located in the Friendship House, building 1354, on Barkeley Avenue. The Korean Support meets the fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon, also at building 1354 on Barkeley Ave.

Don't miss the opportunity to network and meet friendly faces in sharing your cultural similarities. For questions or further details, call 526-1070.

quarterly Restoration Advisory Board meetings. RAB meetings offer informative presentations on a variety of ongoing cleanup projects. For information or to join, contact Jim Henderson at 526-8001.

Around town

The Colorado Springs Girl Scout Council is sponsoring a volksmarch March 16 as the first of several events celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Girl Scouts. Starting time is between 9 and 10 a.m., with a finishing time of 1 p.m. The event, hosted by the U.S. Air Force Academy Girl Scout troops, is open to all Girl Scout families and friends throughout the greater Colorado Springs area. The event will cost \$1 for each Girl Scout who wants an activity patch. Participants are asked to register by today. For more information call 472-9849.

School District 11 Community Education is currently registering for its winter/spring programs. A variety of classes is being offered at a number of locations. Course offerings include: computer instruction, gardening, dance, guitar, art, babysitting, foreign languages, crafts, managing rental property, floral arranging, yoga, photography and more. Students do not need to be from District 11 to enroll. For information, call 520-2384, or go to the Web site www.cssd11.k12.co.us.

The Genealogical Society of Colorado Springs is offering free beginning classes specializing in African-American Genealogy. The afternoon classes will be taught at the Penrose Public Library and the Family History Center Saturday. To register or for more information, call Candice K. McKnight at 227-1959 or 520-9784.

Miscellaneous

The "Sept. 11th Victim Compensation Fund" is available to all those who have been injured or lost a family member in the terrorist acts and experiencing difficulty securing financial assistance. In addition, a nonprofit group, Trial Lawyers Care, will provide an attorney free of charge to any eligible victim who wishes to file a claim for compensation under the fund. For more information go to www.911LawHelp.org or call (888) 780-8637.

DTI's toner and inkjet cartridge recycling program is a great way to help support military personnel and the Colorado Springs community. DTI will donate a portion of the proceeds from toner and inkjet cartridges to Colorado Springs Utilities "Community Focus Fund." DTI has recycling bins throughout most of the buildings on post, and will schedule pickups every two weeks or as needed. If Fort Carson personnel and their families would like to participate, they may also donate toner and inkjet cartridges from home. Proceeds from the toner and inkjet cartridge recycling program go toward food baskets, clothing, toys and financial aid, along with other items to help support the local military. If you have a location on base that needs a recycling bin, call DTI at 632-0525

Annual leave needed

Civilian employees who would like to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" to sick or injured employees can refer to Fort Carson Regulation 690-4.

Leave donation forms may be obtained from administrative/personnel sections. Completed forms should be forwarded to leave-approving officials for approval, then to the customer service representative at the Directorate of Resource Management.

Annual leave donors are needed for:

Carolyn Harris and Candice Miller, both employees of the Dental Activity, need annual leave donations to help cover absences due to the exhaustion of available paid leave.

For information about the above-listed DENTAC employees, contact Bonny Edwards, 526-2006 or 526-2877.

Sharon Trigg, Betty Meek, Cynthia Cisneros, Deeanne K. Lau, Zarene DeKraai, Tania M. Sloan, employees of the Medical Department Activity, need annual leave donations to help cover absences due to the exhaustion of available paid leave.

For information about the above-listed MED-DAC employees, contact Ruben Espinoza, 526-7246.

Chaplain's Corner

Life is tough — pray hard

Pray for what you need, wait patiently in faith for response

From the Installation Command Chaplains Office

Chap. Anthony Menz once said, "Faith is: A vibrant, provocative, even revolutionary state of being that is born of communion with God." I would contend that prayer is also such a state of being.

In our prayers, we tell God just how wonderful he is. We thank him for all that he has done for us, we ask him for help on the behalf of others, and we ask him for personal help and guidance.

Often, we feel as if we shouldn't pray for certain things. However, if these things will meet our basic needs, then why not? Of course sometimes we think we need certain things, but are ignorant of what is really needed. More often than not, I think that we know what we need, but our wants get in the

way, so we pray according to a system of wants and not according to what may be in God's will for us.

Our prayers can also be a monologue with God where we just talk to him without desiring that he speak to us. Listening to God in the various ways that he speaks to us is just as important as our petitions to him.

Soren Kierkegaard, said this regarding prayer: "As his prayer became more devout and more from the heart, he had less and less to say; finally, he was completely silent. He was silent, and furthermore, as a still greater contrast to speaking, he became a listener. At first he understood prayer to be speaking; then he learned that prayer was not merely being silent, but listening. And so it is: prayer does not mean to hear oneself speaking. Prayer means to

become silent, to remain silent and to tarry until the petitioner hears God."

So, what does this tell us? I would contend that it takes faith to wait upon God to respond to our prayers. It also takes guts to accept what he may offer us in response to our prayers. Perhaps, just perhaps, this is what God wants for us: to be patient in faith and to have the resolve to accept God's endeavor to take care of us. It truly takes faith and guts to say to the Lord, not my will, but yours be done.

The saying on the bumper sticker rings true; life is tough, pray hard. As you continue to pray (and I know that most of you do,) pray that God will give you patience and the resolve to continue to serve him by serving others.

Special Chapel Services and Activities For Lent

Lenten Lunches — a light lunch and Lenten devotion will be provided at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until March 20. Everyone is welcome; no reservation required.

Catholic Lenten Opportunities:

Way of the Cross — Fridays until March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Soup and bread suppers, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. precedes the event. Bring bread. Child care is provided.

Daily Mass: Soldiers' Memorial Chapel — noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Healer Chapel and Evans Hospital — noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Lenten Luncheon with Command Chaplain — will be Wednesdays during Lent, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers'

Memorial Chapel, West Wing. The event will be a time of prayer, reflection and meal sharing.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Soldiers' Memorial Chapel — Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Community Reconciliation/Confession/Penance Services — March 19, 7 p.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel; child care provided March 18, 5 p.m., Cadet Chapel, Air Force Academy.

Little Black Book — companion book for daily Lenten reflection and study; a practical way to further your knowledge and explore your faith in six minutes a day. Spanish copies available. Copies available in racks at the rear of each chapel. For information, contact Father Allen, 526-5769.

Education Sessions

Adult Education Classes:

Sunday mornings, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Choir Room. For information on topics call Eva Hailbronner 576-8445. **Sunday:** Christian Morality, Part 2; **March 10:** Social Justice; **March 17:** Holy Week: Events and Traditions; and **March 24 and 31:** no sessions. The Lenten Education Series will be presented by Rev. Richard Goellen, retired chaplain.

Mondays of Lent: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, west wing. Child care is provided.

Understanding the Bible: A series designed to introduce the Bible as a means of gaining better understanding of what it says.

Monday: How the Bible is Organized: Exploring the structure of the Bible; How we got the Bible: Explore the relationship of the Jewish people and their God; and The Religious Experience of the Israelites: The breakthroughs of how to understand God. **March 11:** The Old Testament: God's Revelation in History: Religious interpretation of history; and The Old Testament: Record of a Covenant: Explore the meaning of covenant with God. **March 18:** Reflections on the meaning of Jesus: The reflection of the Christian understanding of Jesus. **March 25:** Summary and Review: Explore the major themes and questions of the Bible.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Catholic

Palm/Passion Sunday — March 24, regular chapel schedule
Holy Thursday — March 28, 7 p.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel
Good Friday — March 29, 7 p.m. Soldiers' Memorial Chapel
Holy Saturday — March 30, 8 p.m. Soldiers Memorial Chapel
Easter Sunday — March 31, regular chapel schedule

Protestant

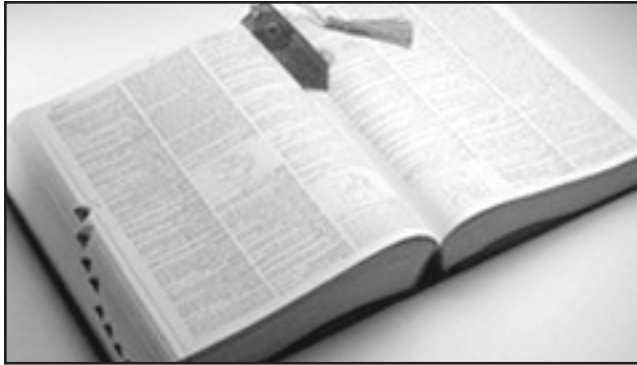
Palm Sunday — March 24, regular chapel schedule
Maundy Thursday — March 28, Passover Meal and Holy Communion, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday — March 31, regular chapel schedule

Liturgical Protestant

Palm Sunday — March 24, regular chapel schedule
Maundy Thursday — March 28, Liturgy and Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Healer Chapel, 12:30 p.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel
Easter Sunday — March 31, regular chapel schedule

Ecumenical Christian Services

Good Friday — March 29, noon, Soldiers' Memorial Chapel
Easter Sunrise Service — March 31, 6 a.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel (Outside)



Chapel

Youth of the Chapel — Activities for Protestant and Catholic Middle School and High School Youth take place each Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. Catholic youth classes meet at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Griefshare — The Bereavement Support Group is starting a new cycle March 14. The group will meet Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Friendship House, building 1354. Griefshare is a weekly seminar/support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. For information, call Sabine Maresco, 526-6917.

Almsgiving and Service:

Operation Rice Bowl: The official Lenten program from Catholic Relief Services, uses prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Operation Rice Bowl, which began Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, invites you to pray and learn daily about people in developing countries and giving through sacrifice and concrete assistance to those in need. Rice Bowl boxes and calendars are available at the pamphlet racks at all chapels.

Service to the Suffering: March 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A day dedicated to helping agencies on Fort Carson and around Colorado Springs which serve those in need. All youth, young adults and adults will gather for breakfast and prayer, work at a service site, and then return for prayer and reflection. Youth will conclude the day with a shared meal and a movie.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-5769
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CCD	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Jim Sciegel/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stahl/526-5769
EASTERN ORTHODOX					
Sunday	8 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Olson/526-5772
PROTESTANT					
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Simmons/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Drake/526-4206
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Atkins/524-1822
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kincaid/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Pair/526-2811
Sunday	6:30 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Scheck/524-1166
LITURGICAL PROTESTANT					
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Bauer/526-5279
JEWISH					
For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.					
WICCA					
2nd and 4th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Spiritual Fitness Center	Barkeley & Ellis	Ms. Costantino-Mead/ (303) 428-7703	
For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child care is available during on-post worship services.					

Daily Bible readings: In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Friday — Isaiah 64:1-9 & Numbers 16-18

Saturday — Psalms 85 & Numbers 19-21

Sunday — Psalms 86 & Numbers 22-24

Monday — Psalms 87 & Numbers 25-27

Tuesday — Psalms 88 & Numbers 28-30

Wednesday — Psalms 89 & Numbers 31-33

Thursday — Psalms 90 & Numbers 34-36

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following: **Unit:** For the soldiers and leaders of the 1st Cavalry Division "First Team," headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas. **Army:** For the senior leadership of the Chaplain Corps as they participate this week in the Chief of Chaplains Senior Leader Training Conference. May God shape and mold their spirits to forge the chaplaincy into his image. **State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Texas. Pray also for Gov. Rick Perry, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Lone Star state. **Nation:** For President George W. Bush, Laura Bush and their family. Ask God to guide and direct his steps as he leads our nation to defeat the evil that would rob us of our cherished freedoms and enslave us in its image. **Religious:** For the soldiers and families from the Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith. For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at www.usarmychaplain.com.

It's a

New addition to family a miracle in parent's eyes

by Spc. Stacy Harris
Mountaineer staff

While some say babies are a miracle of life — in many families, the dream to have a child may never be fulfilled.

For Sgt. Chris Lippard, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, and his wife, Nicole, being able to never bear their own child almost became a reality. Because of a fertility problem, Chris underwent several unsuccessful surgeries before one finally worked.

At 3:58 a.m. Jan. 27, Preston Kevin Lippard was born, named after the doctor who helped make a dream a reality — Maj. David M. Preston, M.D., Medical Corps, U.S. Army, assistant chief of Urology Service, Evans Army Community Hospital.

"I was very honored that Sgt. Lippard and his wife named the child after me," Preston said. "I thought they had a beautiful baby boy. All babies are a blessing and this one certainly is."

From the beginning:

Chris and Nicole were married 10 years ago. After two years, they decided to try to have children. With no luck, the couple started to see a fertility specialist to see what was causing the problem.

"It was a shocker," Nicole said. "The first semen analysis we got back was zero. We had absolutely no sperm whatsoever."

To correct the fertility problem, Chris said he underwent several surgeries.

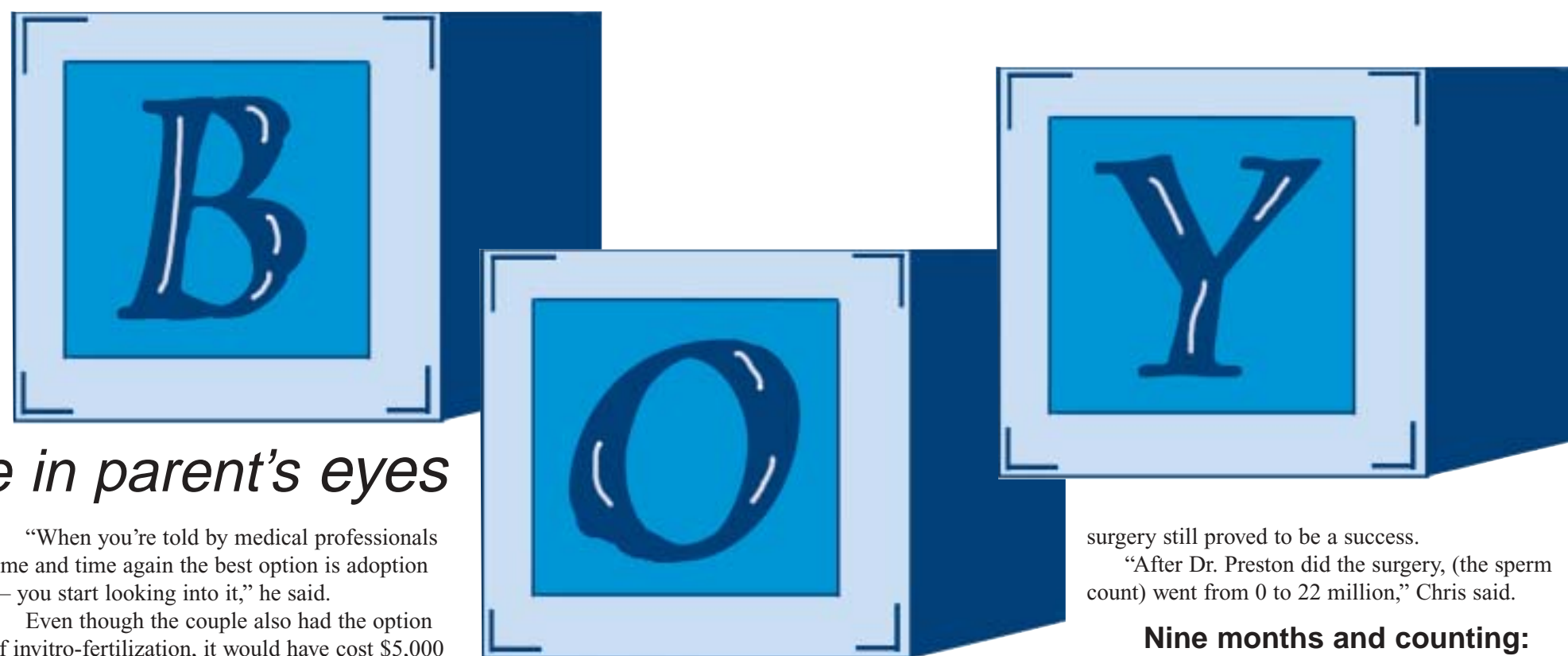
"I had sperm," he said, "they just weren't getting out."

After four risky surgeries, the head urologist at Fort Bragg, N.C., told the couple the "last" option was to adopt, Chris said.



Nicole Lippard holds her new son, Preston.

Courtesy photo



"When you're told by medical professionals time and time again the best option is adoption — you start looking into it," he said.

Even though the couple also had the option of invitro-fertilization, it would have cost \$5,000 out of pocket, and there was no guarantee the

procedure would work. They decided to begin their research on adopting a child.

"We just wanted children," Chris said.

Never giving up:

After moving to Fort Carson, Chris and Nicole decided to try one more surgery, but this surgery was to be the last. After talking with Dr. Preston, the final surgery was set for December 2000.

The procedure performed was a vasopididymostomy, Preston said, with the chance of success given by national experts, who do 30 to 50 cases a year, only 45 to 50 percent. Preston said he had only performed the surgery twice; the one on Chris being a success.

"I was reluctant to perform the surgery since my experience in the procedure was limited," Preston said. "I

informed Sgt. Lippard of this information and told him his chances for success would be better if the procedure were performed by a surgeon who does a higher volume of (these) procedures and has more experience with the procedure."

While Preston isn't the only doctor qualified at Evans to do the surgery, the doctors do have limited experience in performing the operation, he said.

"Each of the four surgeons here will try the procedure if necessary," Preston said, "but again, our expectations of successful results would be low, given our limited experience."

Preston said he decided to perform the surgery because he and Sgt. Lippard had a trusted doctor/patient relationship.

"He requested that I try, even though he knew my experience in this surgery was limited," he said.

Even with the odds not in the couple's favor, the

surgery still proved to be a success.

"After Dr. Preston did the surgery, (the sperm count) went from 0 to 22 million," Chris said.

Nine months and counting:

After seven years of dealing with a fertility problem and going through five risky surgeries, the couple

was finally going to have a baby.

"He was ecstatic — I was scared," said Nicole. "We had just come to terms that we weren't going to have kids."

"We just held each other and cried," Chris said.

Afterward, Chris and Nicole informed Preston she was pregnant.

"I was very excited for this couple when I found out Mrs. Lippard was preg-

nant. I considered it a privilege to help this couple have a child," Preston said. "It was a great honor. We certainly enjoy other areas of our specialty ... but helping a young couple start a family when the odds are against them is one of the greatest joys of my work."

Because of the problems the couple went through to get pregnant, they tried to find a unique way to tell everybody, Chris said. They did this by shipping the positive pregnancy test to Nicole's parents, and today they still have the test that gave the positive result.

While the pregnancy wasn't high-risk, Nicole said it wasn't the most pleasant experience because she was sick a lot.

"I just wanted him (baby Preston) to be healthy," she said.

Due to the medication Nicole had taken throughout her pregnancy, the baby didn't really start being active until the seventh month.

"Not only was it hard to get pregnant, but (I wanted) to continue to have a healthy pregnancy," she said.

The time has come:

After nine months of anxiously waiting the arrival of their newborn, the time had finally come.

"Words can't explain how we feel (now that we have a child)," Chris said. "I was so ready for him after all we have been through,"

Since baby Preston was born, Nicole said the couple sees things differently.

"It's amazing how fast things happen," she said. "We can no longer be selfish; and it's not hard to not be selfish."

"It's no longer Nicole and I," Chris said. "(Having a baby) is about sacrifices — and it's a sacrifice both of us were willing to make."

Preston Kevin Lippard proved to be a miracle in the eyes of his parents and has changed their lives forever.

"After everything we've been through, I would say yes, he is (a miracle)," Nicole said.



Preston Kevin Lippard was born Jan. 27.

Courtesy photo



Photo by Spc. Stacy Harris

Sgt. Chris Lippard, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, and wife, Nicole, introduce their new son Preston to Maj. David M. Preston, M.D., Medical Corps, U.S. Army, assistant chief of Urology Service, Evans Army Community Hospital. Preston is the doctor who helped the couple conceive their first child.



Sgt. Chris Lippard, finally gets a chance to hold his son, Preston, after waiting nine months.

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Sports & Leisure

Game of the Week

Post intramural basketball playoffs kickoff



Transportation’s John Hale, 14, seals off a 183rd Maintenance defender Monday night at Waller Physical Fitness Center.



10th Special Forces Group guard Kenneth Lumpkin drives to the basket for a layup.

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Editor’s note: The post intramural playoffs began Monday night and were scheduled to end Thursday night. At press time Tuesday, eight teams remained in the winner’s bracket with 10 teams trying to play their way back to the championship from the losers bracket. Check out next week’s Mountaineer for the results of the tournament.

The 2002 intramural post championship got underway Monday at Waller and McKibben Physical Fitness Centers and the Post Physical Fitness Center as 16 teams began play for the right to succeed the 4th Engineers as the post champions.

The teams playing in this year’s tournament are: Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; 59th Quartermaster; 60th Ordnance; 571st Medical; HHT; 3rd Squadron, 3rd ACR; 4th Squadron; 3rd ACR; 4th Personnel Services Battalion; Maintenance Troop; the 4th Engineers; the defending champions; Delta Company, 1st Squadron, 3rd ACR; Supply and Transportation Troop; 10th Special Forces Group, 183rd Maintenance, 32nd Transportation, 4th Finance and 10th Combat Support Hospital.

The biggest surprises of the tournament came Tuesday night as perennial championship round teams from the 32nd Transportation and 10th Special Forces Group lost its second game of the playoffs and was eliminated from championship contention.

The defending champion 4th Engineers also found itself fighting for its playoff life after suffering a first round loss to Delta Company 1st Squadron 3rd ACR.

After the first day of the tournament, eight teams, 59th Quartermaster, 571st Medical, HHT, 3rd Squadron 3rd ACR, 4th PSB, Delta Company 1st Squadron 3rd ACR, Supply and Transportation Troop, 32nd Transportation and, 4th Finance, were still in the winners bracket and on the road to the post championship. But truly the biggest story coming out of this year’s playoffs is the play of Delta Company. The ACR team looks like it is going to be very difficult to beat this year as it has shown it can play any style of game and win.

The other team that has been a surprise to this point has been HHT 3rd Squadron 3rd ACR bunch. They are playing with a confidence you see teams heading into the NCAA tournament play with, when it wins games no one expects it too. The championship game this year should be something special.



571st Medical’s Roger Cooper, left, drives to the basket ahead of 60th Ordnance defenders Monday night.

On the Bench

Indoor swimming pool to feature new Thursday program

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Boy, these really are the slow sports days of the year around here. The post intramural basketball play-offs are wrapping up and the volleyball season is about two weeks away. What is an "old" sportswriter to do?



Johnson

If you are looking for a good place to have a family outing on

Thursday nights, the post indoor swimming pool may be your answer beginning Thursday.

Don Armes, aquatics center director, told me that the post indoor swimming pool will kick off its "Thursday Family Night" program Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Family Night promises to be fun and a good time for all involved. The cost for the program is \$4 per family.

"We think we have a good opportunity to give the people of Fort Carson an outstanding family-oriented program

that will be fun and exciting. We have put together a program that will be great family fun for the swimmers of the post," Armes said.

"In addition to the fun people can have in the pool, we will also have a video machine and a Disney movie each week so people that are there to let their children enjoy the pool can have good, wholesome entertainment themselves. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the indoor pool Thursday," Armes said.

For more information on the new swimming program contact, Crystal Miller at 526-3122.

There will be a volleyball coaches meeting Tuesday at the Post Physical Fitness Center.

Any unit that plans to play in this year's tournament should contact Josh Mitchell, intramural sports director immediately or get a letter of intent to him between today and the meeting Tuesday. For more information on the season contact Josh Mitchell at 526-2411.

Beginning March 16, skating fans will have a local venue to

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Photo by Walt Johnson

***Making
some
'racquet' ...***

Proving you're never too young to learn, Joe Sullivan, left, gives racquetball lessons to his son Nathan Saturday at Forrest Fitness Center.

Bench

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practice its art.

The Directorate of Community Activities will begin hosting a weekly skate night at the Post Physical Fitness Center from 5 to 9 p.m. The fitness center will be transformed into a 185-foot rink with music, lights and fun for all, according to Becky Rudder, DCA activities coordinator.

For more information, call Rudder at 524-1388 or Josh Mitchell at 526-2411.

The Department of Community Activities will host a post racquetball tournament April 5 through 7 according to Josh Mitchell, intramural sports coordinator.

The tournament will be held in the A/B, C, mixed and women's divisions. People interested in playing in the tournament should sign up now by contacting Mitchell at 526-2411.

A Freedom run is scheduled to be held May 18 at the Post Physical Fitness Center.

The run is being sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities and will be held in conjunction with Armed Forces Day events on post. For more information call Becky Rudder at 524-1388 or Josh Mitchell at 526-2411.

Anyone interested in playing in

the post soccer intramural league has a golden opportunity.

Josh Mitchell, intramural sports director, said the post is trying to put together the intramural soccer league to begin play in June. Anyone interested in playing in a soccer league should contact Mitchell now at 526-2411.

The next youth sports season will kickoff April 13 when soccer and in-line hockey begin.

Registration is currently under way for the outdoor soccer, bam-bam soccer and in-line hockey seasons scheduled April 13 to May 18.

Also, the youth center is holding training sessions for volunteer coaches. The coaches are trained using the National Youth Sports Coaches Association program.

For more information on registering for the upcoming spring sports season or to volunteer as a coach, contact the youth center at 526-1233.

Man, is it time to be thinking about softball already?

The post is looking for women and men interested in representing the post at the annual Fort Carson vs. Air Force softball challenge at Sky Sox Stadium this summer. Players interested in playing for the post teams are asked to contact Becky Rudder at 524-1388 or Josh Mitchell at 526-2411. The post women have won the past two games.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Maintaining law and order...

The Mountain Post's Dwayne Smith makes a call during intramural action Thursday at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.

Sixers preserve season's unbeaten streak

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The Fort Carson Sixers youth center basketball team continued its winning ways Friday and Saturday, defeating the Peterson Bulls Friday and Fort Carson Timberwolves Saturday at the post youth center.

It looked like the Sixers were on the way to the team's first loss of the year Friday night at the youth center as they entertained the Peterson Bulls. The Bulls came into the game determined to play a solid team game, according to coach James Cates.

"Our goal was to come down here and play a good game against this team," Cates said.

The Bulls, who have a 2-3 record at Peterson, gave the Sixers as much of a game as the team wanted. The Bulls led the Sixers 14-11 at halftime, the first time this season the Sixers had gone to halftime trailing.

Sixers coach Tim Hutchins was more concerned with the lack of effort from his team than the effort being put forth by the Bulls, as said to his team at halftime. Hutchins reminded his team it was still in control of its fate and all they needed to do was play the way the Sixers had all year in building its undefeated record.

The Sixers took the steps needed to get back in the game in the third quarter, taking two points off the Bulls lead and trailing 19-18 at the end of the third quarter.

As the fourth quarter began the Sixers were once again finding themselves in a position they have not known, trailing by a point. The fourth quarter was half way over before the Sixers were able to take its first lead at 20-19 when Terrance Hutchins hit a baseline jumper. From that point, the Sixers outscored the Bulls 7-0, to win the game 27-19 and preserve a perfect season. Saturday, the Sixers continued its winning ways by downing the Timberwolves.

Sixers coach Tim Hutchins said the game was tough for his team.

"My players just didn't seem to have it in the first three quarters, but they also realized they would have to pick up their game, which they did. While I was concerned about being behind, I never worried because our players understand that defense wins games for us. Once they started playing the type of defense we are accustomed to playing, they knew they would have to play that way to win the game and they did," Hutchins said.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Terrance Hutchins, left, drives to the basket as he leads his team to a second-half comeback victory.

Mountaineer Sports Spotlight

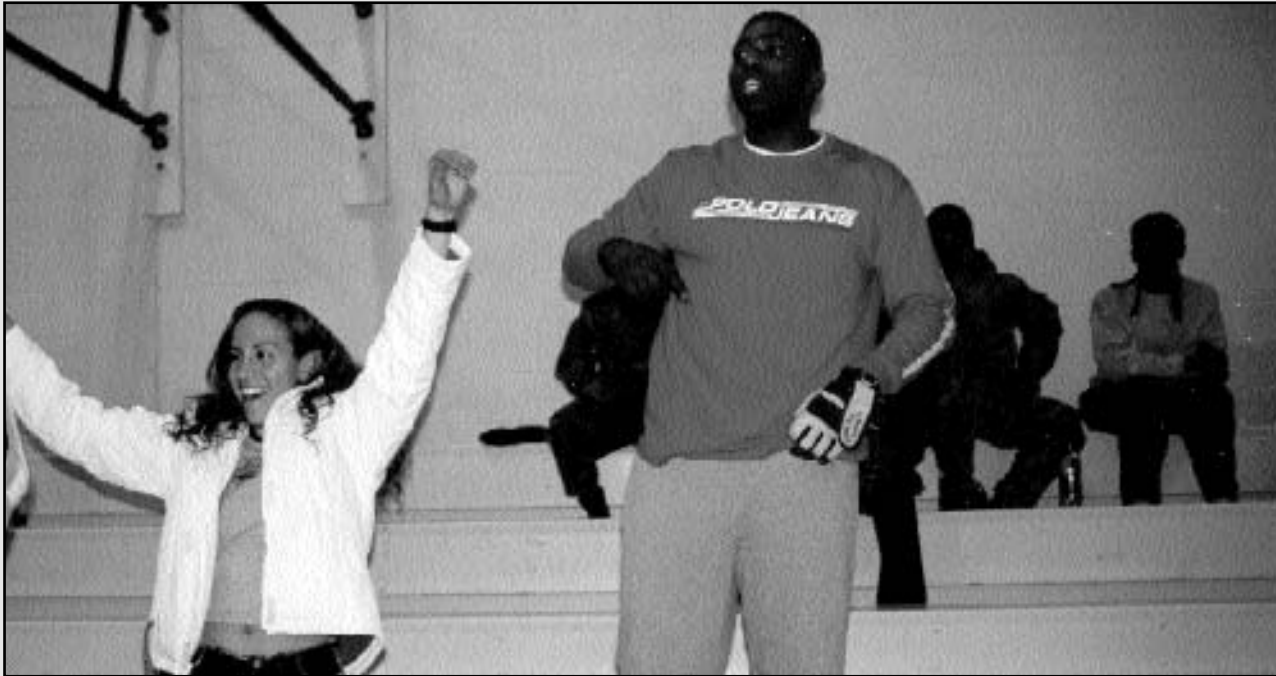


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Let's go troop ...

Jessica Roman, left, and Behanzin Bowen cheer for the Supply and Transportation Troop as the team defeated the 10th Special Forces Group Monday night at Waller Physical Fitness Center.

Four soldiers win Olympic bobsled medals

by Brian Lepley
and Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

PARK CITY, Utah — An Army Reserve lieutenant won a silver medal in men's bobsledding Feb. 23 and three other soldiers took bronze as the USA captured its first Olympic men's bobsled medals since 1956.

Army Reserve 1st Lt. Garrett Hines was the brakeman on USA-1, the four-man bobsleigh that took second place Saturday in front of 15,000 cowbell-clanging spectators at Utah Olympic Park.

Three of the four bobsledders were soldiers on bronze-winning USA-2. Virginia National Guard Spc. Mike Kohn and regular Army Spc. Doug Sharp were pushers on the sleigh and Oregon Guard Spc. Dan Steele was the brakeman. Civilian driver Brian Shimer, a five-time Olympian, has been competing with the soldiers for two years on their sleigh, provided by the Army World Class Athlete program.

The driver of USA-1, Todd Hays, finished his fourth and final run a cumulative .30 seconds behind the gold-winning German team. USA-2 edged out the Swiss team for bronze as the United States won its first men's bobsled medals since the 1956 games when Arthur Tyler drove to a bronze in Cortina, Italy.

"Forty-six years, and we just ended it today with two medals," said jubilant guardsman Kohn about ending the United States' long bobsled drought with Shimer, who locked up the bronze on the last run of his last Olympics.

"There's no better time to be an Olympian and to represent your country than right now," Kohn said. "This has been a phenomenal Olympics, and this is the perfect way to end it."

Kohn, from Chantilly, Va., and Steele, from Eugene, Ore., became the Army Guard's first male bobsled medal winners, along with active Army pusher Sharp from Jeffersonville, Ind. They rode in the jet-black USA-2 sled that Shimer, from Naples, Fla., rock-



Photo by Journalist 1st Class Preston Keres.
World Class Athletes Spc. Mike Kohn, left, and Spc. Doug Sharp celebrate after learning they won the bronze medal in men's four-man bobsled at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah, during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

eted from fifth to third on the next-to-last night of the Salt Lake City Games.

Kohn, 29, and Sharp, 32, are members of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Army Reservist Hines from Atlanta, Ga., was the brakeman on the bright red USA-1 sled that Hays drove to the silver medal during the four-man event's second day.

That made Hines, 32, one of just four black-American athletes to ever win a Winter Olympics medal. Civilian Randy Jones from Winston-Salem, N.C., was another black American on the Hays team. Vonetta Flowers, the brakeman for Guard Spc. Jill

Bakken's gold-winning bobsled run last week was the first black American to ever claim a Winter Olympics gold medal.

In the men's race Saturday, Andre Lange's Germany-2 team won the gold medal with a combined four-run time of 3 minutes, 7.51 seconds. USA-1, which led the field after the first two runs Friday, finished second in 3:07.81. The Shimer team charged from fifth place on Friday to the bronze medal on Saturday in the combined time of 3:07.86.

Shimer put together Saturday's second-fastest combined runs of 1:34:21.

The five soldiers made up nearly half of the U.S. bobsled team's 13 men and women competitors, and all five take home medals.

Hines, a two-time Olympian, nearly won a bronze with Hays in the two-man event earlier last week, but finished fourth, .03 second behind the Swiss-2 sliders.

Shimer and Hines were also .02 seconds from a bronze medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

An injury two years ago left Shimer without a team. He explained that equipment is issued by the national team by rank, and because of injuries, he couldn't compete well enough to merit a sleigh.

So the Army's World Class Athlete Program stepped in and picked Shimer to compete with the soldiers.

Steele, a former WCAP soldier and 1998 Olympian, was among the doubters of his team's success at the 19th Winter Games.

The medals that the soldiers helped claim increased the United States' total to 34 for the XIX Winter Games in which U.S. Olympic Committee officials originally hoped to win only 20.

***Editor's note:** Brian Lepley is in Utah reporting for the Army's World Class Athlete Program and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.*

Take a ride on a trolley

Trolley lines were a big part of the local scene in the late 1800s. Trolley service was the predominant form of transportation in most large towns in

that era before the automobile was common. Colorado Springs was no exception, having first had a horse-drawn trolley system and later, electric trolleys.

Local trolley history can be seen at the Trolley Museum.

When local carpenter Winfield Scott Stratton struck gold in his Cripple Creek mine in 1891, he bought the Colorado Springs trolley system. Although he paid about a half million dollars for it, he scrapped the total system, invested \$2 million of his own money and built a new trolley system. The new line had 80 trolley cars, 41 miles of track and was the best system in the world when it was completed in 1901, according to Howard Noble, of the Pikes Peak Street Railway Historic



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Mountaineer staff

The driver checks the car's position as she backs the trolley car along the test track at the Trolley Museum.

Foundation.

The original trolley line was called the Colorado Springs Suburban Railway and was renamed when Stratton completed it, becoming the Colorado Springs Interurban Railway. A trolley ride cost a nickel.

The trolley line ceased operation in 1932. The trolley system was then in trust to the Myron Stratton Home and an unprofitable business could not be operated under the trust terms, Noble said.

According to Noble, the trolley cars were stripped of electrical components and sold to the public for \$50 each. The old trolley cars were used by buyers as storage units, hay barns or residences.

The historic group was contacted a few years ago by the son of the farmer who bought car No. 59. The car had served as a work room inside a barn off Highway 115. As the barn was being torn down, trolley car No. 59 was donated to the foundation. The car is presently being restored.

Another trolley car, known as Birney No. 22, is also being restored.

A 1947 Philadelphia car has been completely restored and is parked at Sky Sox Stadium. The trolley car is

used by the Sky Sox organization for special events and meetings.

Still another trolley car has been restored and runs along a test track near the museum. Trolley Museum visitors get a ride on the trolley as part of their admission.

Why are these historic trolley cars being restored by members of the historic society? The group has a goal: bring back the trolley.

These volunteers have been working for years to bring the trolleys back to life. The group originally hoped to have the first trolley line operational by now, but restoration work takes time and plans have changed.

Noble said the group's goal has changed somewhat. The group is now focused on completing a two-mile loop in the south part of downtown. The route will run down South Tejon Street to Vermijo Street, Rio Grande Street and along Nevada Avenue to the renovated historic 1891 Lowell School.

New trolley tracks will be laid, Noble said. There are a few blocks of original track beneath the pavement on some streets. It is hoped the original track will be incorporated with the new track.

The historic area around the school is being restored and Noble thinks it's a natural place for a trolley. Hopefully, people who live or work in the area will eventually be able to commute by trolley.

When the project is complete, the trolley will run in front of the original trolley barn which is on Tejon Street.

Four trolley cars will be used on the re-established line when completed, Noble said.

In the meantime, volunteers restore trolley cars in an 1888 building, known as the Roswell Trolley Barn. The railroad roundhouse building once had 16 stalls to accommodate trains of the



Irene Bones talks about the trolley car to passengers as the ride begins.



A Belgian trolley car came to Colorado Springs by way of Florida and Pueblo. It is parked in front of the former Rock Island Railroad round house, now the trolley barn.

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Chicago Rock Island Pacific Railroad, but only four stalls remain.

The roundhouse was in the small, independent town of Roswell, which then was several miles north of Colorado Springs. The town grew around the railroad and coal mining activity in the Roswell community which is east of present-day Interstate 25 and south of Fillmore. Most of the houses in the area were occupied by railroad workers and coal miners who worked nearby.

More than a dozen street cars or trolley cars are at the Roswell Trolley Barn, many awaiting restoration. The collection of cars includes a 1919 car from Fort Collins, nine 1947 Philadelphia trolley and a 1942 Los Angeles car. There's trolley car No. 59 and another car acquired a couple of years ago which had served as a residence.

The 1901 trolley car No. 59, was manufactured by the LeClede Car Company of St. Louis especially for Colorado Springs. It cost \$2,437 brand new. Originally the car had extensive woodwork, including birdseye maple and quarter-sewn oak. Door handles and other fittings were made of polished brass.



Gary Harrison leans against Birney Car No. 22 which is being restored as he talks to visitors about the restoration process.



Don Gage, left, conducts the society's business with Howard Noble. Gage wears the uniform of a motorman or conductor.

The historic foundation has long-term plans to connect downtown Colorado Springs with Old Colorado City and perhaps Manitou Springs, utilizing original tracks which are under the pavement along Colorado Avenue.

Noble said Colorado Springs presents the ideal situation for a trolley system because of the existing tracks and because the historic parts of town can be fairly easily linked together. It is anticipated a restored trolley line would be of interest to tourists as well as local riders.

Noble pointed out other cities which have successfully restored trolley systems, such as Fort Collins, San Diego, Tucson, Dallas and Boston.

The trolley car barn and museum are open to the public Saturdays only, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Special arrangements may be made to visit the museum by appointment; call 475-9508.

There's a charge of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, which includes a guided tour by one of the knowledgeable volunteers and a ride on the restored trolley car, which is usually driven by Irene Bones. Bones formerly operated a trolley car in Pittsburgh for 13 years. It's easy for riders to know that Bones enjoys driving riders back and forth on the short test track.

According to Bones, she "pilots a piece of history." Visitors can share that history by taking the short ride.

To reach the Trolley Museum, from Fort Carson take Interstate 25 north to the Fillmore exit. Go east on Fillmore to Cascade Avenue, turn south on Cascade, then right at Polk. Follow Polk west which becomes Steel. Continue on Steel, past the sand company until you see the sign or the trolley cars in a fence-enclosed area.

Trolley and railroad memorabilia are in the museum and one of the volunteers will answer questions visitors might have.

A small gift shop has a selection of trolley-related magnets, cards, pins, tie-tacks, pens, pencils and other souvenir items. There are also books, videos, paintings and the usual T-shirts and coffee cups.

Anyone who wants to get involved in "bringing back the trolley" can become a volunteer. Any skill level is needed; the foundation will find something you can do. Call 475-9508, or talk to someone at the shop when you take your trolley ride.



Patrick Ayers, a retired Chief Warrant Officer, is a volunteer with the historic society. He talks with visitors about restoring trolley windows.



Hugo and Elizabeth Lackman take a ride on the restored trolley car at the Trolley Museum.



Visitors browse through the Trolley Museum and gift shop.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 25 minutes
- **For ages** all
- **Type** Trolley museum
- **Fun factor** ★★ ★ 1/2 (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$80(Based on a family of four)



Concert tickets

Styx and REO Speedwagon are in Pueblo March 21 at the Colorado State Fair Events Center. Call Ticketmaster at 520-9090 for tickets.

Fly fishing

Learn to fly fish at the "Fly Fishing for Beginners" session March 9 at 10 a.m. at the Fountain Creek Nature Center. Ed Marsh, a well known outdoor magazine writer and master fisherman, presents tips and techniques on fly fishing. Cost is \$5 per person, reservations required; call 520-6745. Fountain Creek Nature Center is just south of Highway 16 exit and Highway 85/87 near gate 20.

Disney on Ice

Disney on Ice is at the Colorado Springs World Arena March 20 through 24. Tickets start at \$14.75 and are available at www.DisneyOnIce.com or 576-2626. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. except March 24. Daytime shows are available March 23 and 24.

Spring break art camp

During the school spring break from March 25 to 29, **Bemis School of Art**, located at the Fine Arts Center, has classes available for all ages. Registrants may choose morning, lunch and afternoon art classes. Classes cost from \$20 to \$62. Call 634-0570 for information.

Silver Key Book Fair

Silver Key holds its annual book fair from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and March 8, in the Friendship Room at the Silver Key Senior Center, 2250 Bott Ave. There's a large collection of books; proceeds help provide services to the elderly.

Super Saturdays

The Western Museum of Mining and Industry holds **Super Saturday** programs on the second Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. Advanced reservations are required by calling the museum at 488-0880 and admission is \$3. March 9's session is "Pack Your Burro: Discover the Pikes Peak Region." April 13's session is "Reclamation Wonders."

Travel film

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center **travel film series takes you to the country of Wales** March 10 and 11 at 2 p.m. Wales' rich history dates back to 600 B.C. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door.

Broadway series

Next in the Broadway series at the Pikes Peak Center is "Late Nite Catechism," April 2 through 14 and "Annie Get Your Gun," April 23 and 24. Call 530-SHOW for tickets.

One act plays

The Performing Arts Department at the **Fine Arts Center** hosts its annual **"One Act Play Festival."** The festival is a drama competition for Colorado high schools. The contest begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no admission charge.

New exhibit at museum

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science opened a new exhibit, **"Powers of Nature."** The exhibit was created by the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and looks at volcanoes, earthquakes and other weather phenomena. The exhibit will be in place until May 5 and is included in museum admission of \$5.50 to \$8. The museum is at 2001 Colorado Blvd., in Denver's City Park.

Denver concerts

NSYNC with **Smashmouth** is at 7:30 p.m. in Denver's Pepsi Center March 25, tickets start at \$33.50; call 520-9090.

Cosby, Sills, Nash and Young appear April 8 at 8 p.m. at Denver's Pepsi Center. Tickets start at \$44.50; call 520-9090.

Willie Nelson in concert

Willie Nelson performs at the City Auditorium in Colorado Springs, 221 E. Kiowa St. March 27. Tickets start at \$29.50. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090.

Spring break camp

The Western Museum of Mining and Industry has a **day camp** during school spring break — March 25 to 29, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Children pan for gold, learn about geology and other hands-on activities. Cost is \$105; pre-register at 488-

0880 or e-mail at westernmuseum@aol.com.

Shades of Green hotel

The Armed Forces Recreation Center operates **Shades of Green, a hotel at Walt Disney World Resort** in Orlando, Fla. However, the hotel will close April 1 for an 18-month expansion which will add 299 new rooms to the hotel. In the meantime, Defense Department employees and soldiers may make reservations through Shades of Green for rooms at other Orlando area hotels at affordable rates; make reservations online at www.armymwr.com/shades/index.html.

Disney discounts

Walt Disney World Resort and the Disneyland Resort offer **free admission** into Disney theme parks and discounts for servicemembers. Through April 30 active U.S. military personnel may receive one complimentary seven-day ticket during "Disney's Armed Forces Salute." Servicemembers are also eligible for room discounts and 50 percent discounts for up to five tickets for family members. For more information, call (407) 939-7424.

Universal Studios salutes heroes

To salute active U.S. military personnel, along with police, firefighters and rescue personnel, Universal Studios will give free admission to these "American heroes" at Orlando's two theme parks: Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure, the Orlando waterpark, Wet n' Wild and Universal Studios Hollywood. Up to five family members may receive a 50 percent discount when accompanying the free ticket holder. Eligible honorees need to present ID at the theme park box office and turnstile, along with family members. For information, call (888) 331-3589.

Ski discounts

Through a partnership between the Air Force and Keystone Ski Resort, soldiers and Army civilians are eligible for discounted rooms and ski lift tickets through "Rocky Mountain Blue." Lift ticket prices vary, but are \$26 for a daily ticket in the early and late season. Call The Rocky Mountain Blue office at 333-2802 for information or go online at www.rockymountainblue.com. Make lodging reservations at Colorado R and R, www.coloradorandr.com.

Happenings



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Nature center ...

Fountain Creek Nature Center is the place to learn about fly fishing March 9; about racoons March 13 and 16 and about Herons March 23. Call 520-6745 for reservations. The nature center is near gate 20 at 320 Peppergrass Lane, off Highway 85/87.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to March 8.

Mountain Post Magazine: stories on soldiers, civilians and family members of the Mountain Post. Airls at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and mid-night.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the State of the Union address, the Khandahar detention commander and Task Force Raakasan in Afghanistan (repeat). Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the new MH-60S helicopter, the USS O'Kane in Operation Enduring Freedom and SuperBowl XXXVI (repeat). Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Stop Loss,

close air support training and the budget for Fiscal Year 2002. Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at

CommandInfo@carson.army.mil.

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If you have ideas for Mountain Post Magazine, please phone 526-1253 or email

MountainPostMagazine@carson.army.mil.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit a clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, building 1550, Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax it to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.